



Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 2

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The topic is just one or two words. The main idea is a full _____ .
2. If a passage is about birds, the topic is birds, but the main idea tells _____ about birds.
3. Horses run fast. They eat hay and grass. People ride horses for fun. The main idea is that horses are useful _____ .
4. Volcanoes shoot out hot lava. The ground shakes before they erupt. The main idea is that volcanoes are very _____ .
5. The desert is hot and dry. Cactus plants grow there. Lizards hide under rocks. The topic of this passage is the _____ .
6. When you retell a passage, you say the big ideas in your own _____ .
7. A good retelling starts with the _____ idea and then adds key details.
8. You should NOT include every tiny _____ when you retell a passage.
9. The topic of a passage is _____ than the main idea because it is just a word or two.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

Whales	→ _____	Rain helps plants grow and fills our rivers.
Rain	→ _____	You can bake cookies with flour, sugar, and butter.
School	→ _____	Whales are the largest animals in the ocean.

Part A: Fill in the Blank

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1. The topic is just one or two words. The main idea is a full sentence .
2. If a passage is about birds, the topic is birds, but the main idea tells something about birds.
3. Horses run fast. They eat hay and grass. People ride horses for fun. The main idea is that horses are useful animals .
4. Volcanoes shoot out hot lava. The ground shakes before they erupt. The main idea is that volcanoes are very powerful .
5. The desert is hot and dry. Cactus plants grow there. Lizards hide under rocks. The topic of this passage is the desert .
6. When you retell a passage, you say the big ideas in your own words .
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Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

Whales	→ <u>Whales are the largest animals in the ocean.</u>	Rain helps plants grow and fills our rivers.
Rain	→ <u>Rain helps plants grow and fills our rivers.</u>	You can bake cookies with flour, sugar, and butter.
School	→ <u>School is a place where children learn and make friends.</u>	Whales are the largest animals in the ocean.